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# **Volunteer Exotic Plant Management Program**

Work Session Schedule – 2007

**Do you want to help protect native plant and wildlife habitat in** *your* **national park?** The Exotic Plant Management Volunteer Program is an opportunity for people of all ages to assist the staff of Cuyahoga Valley National Park in removing exotic, invasive plant infestations. Invasive plant and animal species are the second leading cause for species being listed under the federal Endangered Species Act (habitat loss is #1). Help the Resource Management Division inventory, monitor, and remove exotic plant infestations that threaten native plant & animal habitat. See the schedule below for more information.

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Sunday, 20, Old Carriage Trail, 9 a.m. to 12 noon Wednesday, 23, Salt Run, 9 a.m. to 12 noon Thursday, 24, Coliseum, 8 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday, 26, Crazy Man's Hollow, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Tuesday, 29, Ledges, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

#### June

Tuesday, 5, Stumpy Basin, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Wednesday, 6, Salt Run, 8 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday, 9, Crazy Man's Hollow, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Saturday, 16, Coliseum, 8 a.m. to 12 noon Monday, 18 Ledges, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Wednesday, 20, Salt Run, 8 a.m. to 12 noon Thursday, 21, Crazy Man's Hollow, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, 28, Coliseum, 8 a.m. to 12 noon

#### July

Monday, 2, Stumpy Basin, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Wednesday, 11, Salt Run, 8 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday, 14, Crazy Man's Hollow, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Saturday, 14, Coliseum, 8 a.m. to 12 noon Monday, 16, Ledges, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Thursday, 19, Crazy Man's Hollow, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, 25, Salt Run, 8 a.m. to 12 noon Thursday, 26, Coliseum, 8 a.m. to 12 noon

#### August

Monday, 6, Stumpy Basin, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday, 20, Ledges, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

#### September

Tuesday, 4, Stumpy Basin, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday, 17, Ledges, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

#### October

Monday, 1, Stumpy Basin, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday, 15, Ledges, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

# **Meeting Locations:**

**Coliseum** Invasive Crew meets at the Parking Lot off of State Route 303 just west of the I-271 interchange. For more information call Crew Leaders Fred and Holly Glock at (330) 659-3905.

**Crazy Man's Hollow** Invasive Crew meets at the Station Road Bridge Parking Lot kiosk located on Riverview Road just South of Route 82. For more information call Crew Leader Kathy Schultz at (216) 642-7697

**Ledges** Invasive Crew meets at the Ledges Parking Lot located off of Truxell Road. For more information call Crew Leader Christine Freitag at (330) 864-2209.

**Old Carriage Trail** Invasive Crew meets at -more- 714 Fieldcrest Court in Sagamore Hills. For more information call Crew Leader Gene Wimmer at (330) 467-9593.

**Salt Run** Invasive Crew meets at the Pine Hollow parking lot shelter located off of Quick Road. For more information call Crew Leader Bob Wunderlich at (330) 689-1178.

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**Stumpy Basin** Invasive Crew meets at the Lock 29 overflow parking lot off of Mill Street (in Peninsula). For more information call Crew Leader Christine Freitag at (330) 864-2209.

Note: Work sessions may be cancelled in the case of bad weather. Please call (330) 342-0764 ext 5 to confirm if a work session will take place as posted.

### How do you manage an invasive plant infestation?

Find out by attending a work session in one (or more) of these special areas of Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Enthusiastic volunteers are always needed. Help conserve biodiversity in the park by removing invasive plants.

No pre-registration is required (unless otherwise noted). Work sessions are open to people of all ages but children under 16 must have a parent or guardian with them and all volunteers under 18 must have a signed parental approval form in order to participate. All volunteer forms are provided at the beginning of the work session.

Participants should bring drinking water and leather gardening gloves to protect their hands. Long sleeves, long pants, and sturdy boots are recommended due to off-trail terrain and potential poison ivy exposure.

## Are you interested in adopting an invasive plant management area?

Volunteer crew leaders lead work sessions in their adopted areas after receiving training in plant identification, use of specialized equipment (i.e. Global Positioning System (GPS) and handheld radios), and plant removal techniques. Several special areas are available for adoption including Virginia Kendall, Boston Run, and Double Creek Drop (off Chippewa Road).

# Are you a leader of a troop, environmental club, garden club, or a community service organization and want a service project for your group?

Work sessions can be scheduled for a single day or your group can adopt an area for an entire season and see the habitat improve throughout the year.

Please contact Laura Elze, Biological Science Technician, in the Resource Management Division at (330) 342-0764 ext. 5 for more information.